trees, etc. The Government directed the Land Acquisition Officer to make an award in the usual manner and pay the extra 75 per cent as an ex-gratia payment separately. The matter is under further consideration as a result of the representations made recently by the Tungabhadra Project Relief Committee.

" (*g*) The Special Chief Engineer has been asked to instruct the Public Works Department staff to align quickly the distributaries on ground so that the scheme of colonization of the ryots of the submergible area may keep pace with the construction of the dam. The Special Officer is being asked to prepare a scheme to rehabilitate the displaced population.

" (*h*) No, the matter will be examined after receipt of the Special Officer's report."

Area covered under the new irrigation proposals from the Cauvery.

* 170 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state--

(*a*) the extent of land in Salem, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore districts, for which irrigation is proposed to be given newly from the Cauvery;

(*b*) whether the total maximum ayacut for the Cauvery-Mettur Project has not been already fixed, when the project was carried out;

(*c*) whether the supply to the additional extent proposed now will not affect the present supply to the whole delta;

(*d*) what safeguards and guarantees, the Government propose to give to the existing ayacut in the delta, especially in view of the fact that the level of the reservoir goes down at the beginning of the cultivation season in some years, as in 1946; and

(*e*) whether they are not already receiving complaints from the New Delta, that there is not enough supply for irrigation under Grand Anicut Canal system during cultivation season?

*THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Salem—27,000 acres, half wet and half dry. Trichinopoly—42,000 acres, wet. Coimbatore—18,000 acres, half wet and half dry.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) No; the supply to the additional extent proposed now will not affect the present supply to the whole delta.

" (*d*) The level in the Stanley Reservoir does not go down at the beginning of the irrigation season in all years. However the area of the proposed irrigation in Salem and Coimbatore districts will be restricted according to the conditions of storage in the reservoir at the beginning of the season. In the case of the proposed irrigation in Trichinopoly district supply will be given only if the storage in the reservoir is favourable. In other years the area will raise only a dry crop.

" (*e*) No."

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SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Are not the Government aware that the two monsoons are failing every alternate years? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. We have taken that into account."

The Boiler Department.

* 171 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the revenue now available and the expenditure in the Boiler Department;

(*b*) the increase in the past five years of boilers; and the expected income in registration of economisers and new boilers now contemplated;

(*c*) the number of Inspectors and the time spent by them outside headquarters every year; and

(*d*) if there is increase in work, whether the Government have any proposal to increase the number of Inspectors; if so, by how many?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The receipts and expenditure for the year 1946–47 were Rs. 77,364 and Rs. 71,549, respectively. (The expenditure excludes dearness and war allowances.)

" (*b*) The increase in the number of boilers during the past five years is 147. The expected income from the registration of economizers is Rs. 8,000 and that registration of new boilers is Rs. 10,200.

" (*c*) There were five Inspectors of Boilers during the three years, 1942–45 and six from 1945–46 onwards. The average number of days spent by the Inspectors outside headquarters during the five years from 1942–43 to 1946–47 was 212, 219, 232, 209 and 200 days respectively.

" (*d*) It is understood that the Chief Inspector of Boilers has submitted certain proposals to the Chief Engineer in this regard. They have not yet been received by the Government from the Chief Engineer."

Improvements to certain minor ports.

* 172 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are proposals to improve the minor ports of Baruva, Bimlipatam and Calingapatam; and

(*b*) whether any estimates have been prepared and when the work will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) There are no proposals to improve the Ports of Baruva and Bimlipatam. There is a proposal to cement concrete the beach road at Calingapatam at an estimated cost of Rs. 16,000